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UPDATE OF RIRDC ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE DEER INDUSTRY

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

With Ms Annette Sudgen's move to the Sugar Research and Development Corporation in Brisbane and Ms Christine Joannides' internal redeployment to the Communications Unit in RIRDC, the Corporation has a new team working with the Deer Program. The Research Manager will now be Dr David Dall (02 6271 4128), and the Program Coordinator will be Ms Lea Edwards (02 6271 4132).

Against this background, the recent acceptance by Dr Paul Presidente of re-appointment to the R&D Advisory Committee, chaired by Ms Nola Anderson, will provide a valuable element of stability and continuity.

The Deer R&D Advisory Committee met by teleconference on 10 November and, among other matters, agreed to accept full proposals for three R&D projects.

The Committee also agreed to support a review of the Deer R&D Program by Mr Tony Byrne and Mr Peter Chudleigh, which will focus on identifying and discussing options for future funding and management of deer-related R&D within RIRDC. That review will be completed in early 2009.

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